
Subject: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 20:45:05 GMT

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Suit: McDonald's lied about ingredients in french fries that are harmful to autistic children

It's an interesting read. At first I thought it was a bogus lawsuit, but after reading it, it may be something that's not as bad as suing for making people fat, or buring themselves on the coffee.

There are actually some relevant things to consider. Now, whether or not it demands the damages being sought, I won't comment on. It's interesting nonetheless.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 21:06:32 GMT

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I don't know. I see some merit to it, but a lot of it people are just asking too much. Sure, I can see where they're coming from, but this is still a (mild) case of people doing as they want as carelessly as they want until something happens, and now they want retribution. People don't want to be held responsible for their actions.

If the FDA cannot make restaurants provide information on allergens, I see no reason to put blame on McDonald's.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 21:41:47 GMT

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The reason I'm stating it may make sense, is that the alledgedly lied about what the frying oil contained.

It's one thing to not mention something, it's another to state and advertises it doesn't exist (check the copy of the letter they have), when it does exist.

Quote:"The real issue here is that McDonald's put these items on a list of gluten-free menu items," says Florida attorney Brian Smith, who currently represents about 50 individuals, mostly children, who suffer from milk allergies, celiac disease and autism.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [Matix](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 00:38:10 GMT

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McDonalds rule!

Quote:If the FDA cannot make restaurants provide information on allergens, I see no reason to put blame on McDonald's.

Couldn't agree more. Also, McDonalds were in business for a long long time, and for this first time (afaik) this has happened. Put the blame on the person who ate there, everyone else who eats there doesn't have any problems.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?
Posted by [xptek](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 03:33:16 GMT

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Matix wrote on Mon, 16 October 2006 20:38Put the blame on the person who ate there, everyone else who eats there doesn't have any problems.

So if Dairy Queen tells people their food doesn't contain peanut products and someone allergic to peanuts eats there and gets sick/dies, we're supposed to put the blame on the person allergic to peanuts?

I'm not following your logic.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 09:51:34 GMT

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Quote:"The real issue here is that McDonald's put these items on a list of gluten-free menu items," says Florida attorney Brian Smith, who currently represents about 50 individuals, mostly children, who suffer from milk allergies, celiac disease and autism.

From what I've heard about such gluten allergy is that just a tiny amount of non gluten free food can "poison a whole gluten-free meal, in such a way that people that are allergic to it can simply die because of it. So I feel that is would be a strong case.

Quote:

Earlier this year, McDonald's acknowledged that its hash browns and french fries, which the restaurant chain historically had reported as allergen-free, in fact may contain wheat and milk ingredients from the oil they are cooked in.

They are even admitting it, so some kind of compensation would be in it's place.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?
Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 11:59:23 GMT

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It doesn't have much to do with allergies, as it does that it appears to aggravate the autism condition.

Quote:The culprits, according to the suit, were gluten and casein — ingredients found in milk and wheat products — and which some parents of autistic children believe can exacerbate the condition.

They do mention a valid defence though:

Quote:"No scientific research has consistently shown a connection," says Dr. Ami Klin, one of the country's leading autism experts and an associate professor at Yale University's School of Medicine. "It's a popular hypothesis, and something that is circulated among a group of individuals that have a grip on parents as to the importance of those things. But the reviews of that subject have not turned up any solid evidence."

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 17:06:24 GMT

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ROFL, my gf said,

fl00d3d's GF

So now McDonald's is supposed to test all of its food on handicapped children, like lab rats?

Ahhh, ha ha ... classic.

I just think this is another case of people being retarded (regardless of whether there is validity to it or not). People are always looking for attention and money. Not to mention they'll probably declare that water causes cancer in a few years.

Also, if you have a mentally handicapped child (which is almost an oxymoron term for an autistic child, but you get the point) shouldn't you be spending your extra money on healthy food rather than clogging your kids arteries?

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 17:20:27 GMT

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Meh, I think xptex sums it up quite nicely.

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It's not that retarded if you are told there is nothing there, and believe the company, only to find out the company lied to you.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 18:34:14 GMT

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I agree that McDonald's should have retribution for their lying, but it is not their responsibility to hold the consumer's hand. If the consumer has any food allergies, they should ask about that being in their food prior to their ordering and consuming the product. McDonald's, or any company/restaurant, should not expect to know everything about their individual customers. Their main responsibility is to provide their product within federal quality guidelines and sell them to their customers. Other than that, they shouldn't be held responsible. People have allergies to certain foods, but that is not the fault of any restaurant, nor the consumer, but it IS the CONSUMER's responsibility to ensure that they don't aggitate their allergies.

Edit: Would you blame a cat for aggitating someone's allergies? No, you would blame the person for having a cat. The same goes for this situation. You don't blame the company for selling their product, you blame the person for not being smart about their decisions to purchase the goods being sold.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?
Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 19:15:58 GMT

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Quote:If the consumer has any food allergies, they should ask about that being in their food prior to their ordering and consuming the product.

They did. Which is the point of me saying that this lawsuit may actually make sense.

<http://www.courttv.com/news/misc/docs/mcdonaldsletter.html>
<http://www.courttv.com/news/misc/docs/mcdonaldsletter.html?p age=2>
<http://www.courttv.com/news/misc/docs/mcdonaldsletter.html?p age=3>
<http://www.courttv.com/news/misc/docs/mcdonaldsletter.html?p age=4>

(Those pictures were in a link provided in this sentence, if it was missed the first time:)

Quote:Smith says some of his clients received literature from McDonald's, before the February announcement, touting its gluten-free items.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 19:19:57 GMT

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Oh, I know, and I agree. I was just adding my comments on where the line should be drawn.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 19:30:42 GMT

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Heh, ah. I thought you were stating that THIS case fell under that statement.

This case aside, I agree completely.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 19:34:22 GMT

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I think with all of the frivolous lawsuits against McDonald's, I think it was destined that there'd be, at least, one legit lawsuit.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [Matix](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 20:38:22 GMT

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McDonalds should get sued and should lose the case because they lied in the first place, and if the parents of the kid, or even the kid would know himself, he is allergic to something in the food, but the company lied about it, he wouldn't know, he would just go eat it. McDonalds lied = shame

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Tue, 17 Oct 2006 23:30:22 GMT

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Matix (teh-pwnerer) what are you allergic to so I can feed it to you and watch you die. Oops, was that too harsh? Fucking faggot - man I get worked up just seeing your name on these forums. Lying, cheating, piece of shit. Seriously ... just go die in a corner already.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [Robo](#) on Wed, 18 Oct 2006 20:24:26 GMT

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Well McDonalds is way too unhealthy anyway. But besides that; yeah I highly doubt the parent or anyone asked if that would happen at all, but then again I highly doubt McDonalds even knew that..

Just quit eating there, makes you fat anyway.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Wed, 18 Oct 2006 20:59:43 GMT

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Seriously, McDonald's is some gross-ass shit. I don't think I've eaten there in like 3-4 years. Their burgers just stopped resembling actual cow meat and I got disgusted by it.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?
Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 18 Oct 2006 21:31:15 GMT

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I haven't eaten there in approximately 11 years.

I had a cheeseburger one night before cadets because I was running late, got sick, and never ate there again. (My assumption is that standing at ease/attention for half an hour + McDonalds is not a good combination)

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?
Posted by [terminator 101](#) on Wed, 18 Oct 2006 22:23:49 GMT

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<http://www.2flashgames.com/f/f-Ronald-McDonald-Shot-3296.htm>

I could not resist.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?
Posted by [Robo](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2006 01:32:29 GMT

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Bad enough everything on the menu just makes you super-fat and can fuck you over.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?
Posted by [Sniper_De7](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2006 10:55:02 GMT

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Why would it be lying if this were true?

Quote:"No scientific research has consistently shown a connection," says Dr. Ami Klin, one of the country's leading autism experts and an associate professor at Yale University's School of Medicine. "It's a popular hypothesis, and something that is circulated among a group of individuals that have a grip on parents as to the importance of those things. But the reviews of that subject have not turned up any solid evidence."

If it's true that there is no real solid evidence, then I'm pretty sure McDonalds doesn't have to say "Well there's no solid evidence to support that such and such foods interacts with autistic folk. If a leading autism expert says that there is no solid evidence to suggest that it does anything bad, then I can't see why McDonalds would be at fault, if they were just listening to a leading autism experts statement.. I may be reading the whole thing wrong, but that's what I get out of it.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2006 12:14:10 GMT

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They'd still be lying.

The only difference is that they wouldn't be to blame for what they are ultimately accused of.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [Robo](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2006 21:35:53 GMT

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McDonalds doesn't lie about anything what-so-ever. The fact of the matter is it's bad to eat there period. I highly doubt some autistic child ate there and all of the sudden had a stroke; if so I bet there would be a lot more people getting sick there.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 19 Oct 2006 21:48:04 GMT

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Quote:McDonalds doesn't lie about anything what-so-ever

Proof has been provided.

Quote:highly doubt some autistic child ate there and all of the sudden had a stroke

No one had a stroke...

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [Berkut](#) on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 17:49:03 GMT

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Their burgers are toxic, to me, at least. Then again, I'm not exactly "normal." I guess normal people are able to digest steroids.

Anyway, I've heard some people actually have withdrawal symptoms similar to quitting heroin if they quit Mickey D's after eating it for a year or more (Not three squares a day, duh. They'd be dead long before that.).

I think it's funny that Mc D's started sponsoring sports events only to release the McGriddle on an 'innocent' public.

PS: If you are legitimately trying to quit McDonalds, watch "SuperSize Me" and skip to the scene where they explain how nuggets are made. That'll do it for any human.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 18:56:59 GMT

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LOL I never had withdrawals from not eating McD's burgers... I did have moderate withdrawal headaches from ceasing consuming NutraSweet aka Aspartame.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [Berkut](#) on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 19:15:42 GMT

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Crimson wrote on Fri, 20 October 2006 11:56LOL I never had withdrawals from not eating McD's burgers... I did have moderate withdrawal headaches from ceasing consuming NutraSweet aka Aspartame.

Strange, certain people in my... family, have neurological damage caused by phenylalanine and aspartame. Some kind of degeneration of nerve groupings, or something stupid like that. Is that normal?

PS: The withdrawal thing was something my biology teachers mentioned, so it probably isn't true.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [havoc9826](#) on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 19:24:01 GMT

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If you're asking about phenylketonuria, yes, it's a common disease. As for aspartame, it's under debate by many health officials whether or not it's harmful, and to what degree.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phenylketonuria>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aspartame_controversy

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 22:49:40 GMT

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I was a Diet Pepsi addict for like 8 years or so. I read about the "controversy" and decided I would take their suggested 60-day challenge. I am about 40 days into it. I have noticed that my lower back pain is significantly reduced, my minor acne is even less, my appetite is significantly reduced... I also used to have problems with my blood glucose level getting low several times a day. This doesn't happen anymore.

Other people have mentioned feeling like they were in a "brain fog" and were better when they stopped using aspartame, but I don't feel any different mentally.

The reduced appetite and reduced back pain alone are good enough reasons not to drink that shit anymore.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [Berkut](#) on Sat, 21 Oct 2006 02:07:39 GMT

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I did something I now regret. I quit drinking soda. Every soda. Well, except sprite, because it's not completely bad for you.

Anyway, I lost like 40 pounds, and lost my immunity to caffeine. Also, every time I try to drink any soda other than sprite or Sundrop, it tastes like glue.

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [Sniper_De7](#) on Sat, 21 Oct 2006 09:36:08 GMT

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How do you know what glue tastes like?

Subject: Re: A Lawsuit Against McDonald's That May Actually Make Sense?

Posted by [Berkut](#) on Sat, 21 Oct 2006 16:13:30 GMT

Sniper_De7 wrote on Sat, 21 October 2006 04:36 How do you know what glue tastes like?

You've never met a bully, have you?

Nah, but I recently learned that raw caffeine has a bland, bitter, down-right nasty taste. It MUST be good for you!

I don't really know what glue tastes like, but I imagine it tastes like this.
